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1. Intrac A.G. purchases ball bearings for sale to USIA firms through middlemen from Steyr-Daimler-Puch A.G. and from former German storage warehouses (Hortungslager) in Upper Austria. Intrac has procured some ball bearings from Switzerland.
2. Regarding types of ball bearings which Intrac A.G. has to offer, it has purchased the following sizes: 6205, NJM 60, NVM 60, NJM 65, 51205, 51207, 51208, 9, and 11, but is primarily interested in procuring size 6312. During the first two weeks of October 1949, the USIA-controlled firm, Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz A.G., Vienna X, acquired 400 ball bearings, type 6312, and it is believed that these bearings were purchased from Intrac A.G.
3. It is thought that Intrac makes its purchases from Steyr-Daimler-Puch A.G. through Ing. Otto Ploss and that the latter may also be handling Intrac's ball bearing sales. This surmise is based on the fact that during the first week of October 1949, Ploss informed Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz officials that he could supply their firm a total of 1,600 ball bearings, type 6312, in deliveries of 200 per week, and 1,600 bearings, type 6205. It was reported in [] that Ploss is establishing an independent firm, which supposedly will serve as a post-Treaty cover firm for the Soviets, and that he maintains close relations with the director of the Steyr ball bearing plant.

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